

22. Sing praise and offer sacrifice, my friends, to the foe-discomfiting, the creator, AGNI.

23. May that AGNI indeed sit down (at our sacrifice), who in every age of man has been the invoker of the gods, the doer of wise deeds, the messenger of the gods, the hearer of oblations.

24. Giver of dwellings, worship on this occasion the two regal divinities, MITRA and VARUNA, whose acts are- holy, the ADITTAS, the company of the MARUTS, and heaven and earth.

25. Son of strength, Acxi, the glorious radiance of thee who art immortal, bestows food upon (thy) mortal worshipper.

26. May the donor (of the oblation), propitiating thee by his acts to day, be exalted, and (rendered) very opulent: may (such) mortal be diligent in (thy) praise.

27. Those, AGNI, who are protected by thee, wishing for the whole (term of) life (obtain it), overcoming hostile assailant*, destroying hostile assailants.

28. May AGNI, with his sharp flame, demolish the devourer (of the oblation): may Af.M grant us riches.

29. JA'FAVEDAS, all-beholder, bring us wealth with good posterity: doer of good deeds, destroy the *Rdk-shasas*.

30. Preserve us, JATAVEDAS, from sin: enunciator of prayer,¹ protect us from the malevolent.

Vēdu, 20. 13., the preceding verso also occurs in the former 11. 30.

¹ *JttrahmanasJtare* is explained *mantrasyn* *sdbdoyitar*, oh founder or articulator of prayer; for *Ayni*, it is said, gent-rates articulate sound, and the *Swriti* is cited as authority; *matiah*